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April 13, 2007

Subject: KAUFMAN, BOB

FOIPA No. 1063079- 000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

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(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

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(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

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(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

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Director, FBI

ROBERT CORNEL KAUFMAN, was.
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SECURITY MATTER - C
Your file #100-94996

Your office memorandum January 16, 1950, concerning the captioned individual.

The files of the Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, United States Coast Guard, fail to reflect any additional information since Robert Cornel Kaufman, Z 274023 D 1, signed off the SS Normacport June 7, 1948.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 16, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, was.
Robert Cornel Kaufman, Bob Kaufman
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Re rpt. SA [redacted] dated January 16, 1950 at New York, six copies of which are enclosed.

It is requested that the records of the U. S. Coast Guard, Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, Washington, D.C. be checked for any further information concerning the subject Z# 274023-D-1, which has been received by the Coast Guard indicating that the subject has shipped out subsequent to 6/7/48.

By letter dated 4/29/49 captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A. - BRIEF, INTERNAL SECURITY - C" information was received from the Coast Guard records available as of that date, 6/7/48.

The object of this recheck is to obtain information concerning the present whereabouts of the subject.

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ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, was:
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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In 1946 KAUFMAN reportedly attended CP Maritime Training School. In 1946 was also considered for office of Educational Director of a branch of the Waterfront Section, CP, NYC. Was reported to be at Waterfront Section Headquarters in 1949. Has been a merchant seaman since 1942. Formerly resided in Bronx, NY; present address unknown. Born 4/18/25 at New Orleans, La. Description set out.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, on March 29, 1946 to the effect that BOB KAUFMAN was a student at a National Maritime Training School of the Communist Party.

On July 15, 1946 [redacted] reported that BOB KAUFMAN was being considered for the position of Educational Director of a branch of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party in New York City.

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[redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, reported that a National Maritime Training School had been conducted by the Communist Party from March 18, 1946 to April 19, 1946 at [redacted] advised that among the students who had attended the school was BOB KAUFMAN.

The "Pilot" (official publication of the National Maritime Union) on April 25, 1947 printed a letter signed ROBERT KAUFMAN,

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Chairman, which reported that the crew of the SS Isabel had passed a resolution condemning the "present hysterical campaigns against the Communist Party".

On April 30, 1947 [redacted] advised that BOB KAUFMAN had been present at the Waterfront Section Headquarters of the Communist Party in New York City on that date.

[redacted] advised that Communist activities had been carried out aboard the SS Santa Isabel. [redacted] stated that these activities on board were led by men who were avowed Communists. [redacted] based his judgment of these men on their actions, statements and committments. He named the following individuals as the leaders of this activity: ROBERT KAUFMAN, an American citizen; [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, reported on September 24, 1947 that a report had been received from another source that BOB KAUFMAN, who was a candidate as delegate to the National Maritime Union convention, but had not been elected, was reported to be either a Communist or a strong Communist Party sympathizer. [redacted] stated that as this information was received from an outside source, he was unable to assess the accuracy of the information.

On November 8, 1949 Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that persons who endorsed a leaflet entitled "A Fighting Program for NMU Seamen" were either Communist Party members or sympathizers. [redacted] advised that among those listed as endorsing this leaflet was ROBERT G. KAUFMAN. [redacted] stated that this leaflet was circulated among members of the NMU during 1948.

On April 13, 1949 [redacted] reported that the BOB KAUFMAN who was mentioned by Confidential Informant [redacted] in this report as having been a student at the National Maritime School of the Communist Party in 1946, was probably ROBERT KAUFMAN, a merchant seaman. [redacted] further stated that KAUFMAN resided in New York City and had shipped out of the port of New York on large ships, possibly those operated by the U. S. Lines.

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Information was obtained at the Unlicensed Personnel Department, U. S. Lines, New York City on April 14, 1949 that one ROBERT CORNEL KAUFMAN had shipped on U.S. LINES' ships during 1944 and 1945. The records of the Unlicensed Personnel Department reflect that ROBERT CORNEL KAUFMAN held Certificate of Identification number Z274023.

The records of the U. S. Coast Guard, Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, Washington, D.C. reflected on April 29, 1949 that ROBERT CORNEL KAUFMAN, holder of Certificate of Identification number Z274023, had made nineteen voyages as a merchant seaman between June 24, 1942 and June 7, 1948. The records reflected that his last voyage was aboard the SS Mormaeport, which was operated by the Moore-McCormack Lines, New York City.

A photograph of KAUFMAN was obtained from the files of the U.S. Coast Guard, mentioned above.

On May 7, 1949 Confidential Informant [redacted] identified the photograph mentioned above as that of ROBERT KAUFMAN, who had been a member of the Waterfront Section, New York City during the period 1946-1947.

The records of the U. S. Coast Guard further reflected that the subject had furnished his address in 1948 as 935 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, New York and had listed his wife, ADA, as residing at the same address.

On May 5, 1949 it was observed by the writer that the mailbox for apartment C3 at 935 Longwood Avenue, Bronx bore the names [redacted] KAUFMAN.

[redacted] the apartment building at 935 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, [redacted] that he had never known any BOB KAUFMAN. [redacted]

[redacted] BOB KAUFMAN had been separated for approximately one year. [redacted] had no information as to the whereabouts of BOB KAUFMAN.

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The records of the U. S. Coast Guard further reflected that the subject furnished his address in 1945 as 1070 Fox Street, Bronx, New York.

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She recalled that a family named BERROCAL had lived on the second floor of that building during 1945, but did not remember any individual named BOB KAUFMAN having resided at that address.

[redacted] stated that she did not have any information concerning the whereabouts of BOB KAUFMAN and has not seen him for approximately one year.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on September 20, 1949 that the subject had been at the Waterfront Section Headquarters, New York City one day during the early part of September, 1949. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information as to the purpose of KAUFMAN'S presence at the Waterfront Section.

The above-mentioned records of the U. S. Coast Guard reflected that KAUFMAN had once shipped out on Grace Lines' ships.

On May 6, 1949 [redacted] Grace Lines, New York City, advised that the records of the Grace Lines had been destroyed by fire in October, 1947 and the present records did not contain any information concerning KAUFMAN.

As has been previously set out in this report, KAUFMAN shipped aboard the SS Mormacport, of the Moore-McCormack Lines, in 1948.

On May 6, 1949 [redacted] Moore-McCormack Lines, New York City, advised that his records reflected no information concerning KAUFMAN, other than that he had shipped out on ships of that company. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] KAUFMAN'S on the SS Mormacport in 1948.

On May 9, 1949 [redacted] advised that he recalled ROBERT KAUFMAN [redacted] aboard the SS Mormacport during 1948. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information as to whether KAUFMAN had engaged in Communist Party activities or as to KAUFMAN'S present whereabouts.

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SA [redacted] determined on May 4, 1949 that the New York City Police Department had no record of the subject.

A check of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York on May 10, 1949 did not reflect any record of the subject.

The following Confidential Informants, of known reliability, have advised that the subject is unknown to them:

[redacted]

The following description of the subject was obtained from the files of the U. S. Coast Guard, Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, Washington, D.C.:

Date of Birth	April 18, 1925
Place of birth	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height	5'7"
Complexion	Colored
Race	Colored
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Home address (6/18/42)	1660 N. Tonti Street New Orleans, Louisiana
(3/3/45)	1070 Fox Street, Bronx, New York
Next of kin	LILLIAN KAUFMAN, mother, 1660 N. Tonti Street New Orleans, Louisiana

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Certificate of Identification Z# 274023-D-1

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by SE [redacted]

By teletype dated May 5, 1949 entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY USA - BRIEF, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", New Orleans advised that the only information concerning KAUFMAN in possession of that office was received from Confidential Informant [redacted] who advised that KAUFMAN had lost his Seaman's Certificate of Identification, U. S. Coast Guard card, Selective Service card and Social Security card on February 3, 1944 while at sea.

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AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will report the results of a recheck of the records of the U. S. Coast Guard, Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, Washington, D.C. This check is being requested of the Bureau by separate communication.

SAC, New York

January 31, 1951

Director, FBI

ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, aka.
Robert Gorneal Kaufman
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your Number 100-94996

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Reurmemo of December 27, 1950, concerning the captioned subject.

Robert Gornel Kaufman was issued a Permanent Certificate of Identification #Z-274023 and a Certificate of Service #E-34819 as a messman (Food Handler) on June 18, 1942, at New Orleans, Louisiana. On March 10, 1945, at New York City he was issued duplicate Permanent Certificate of Identification Z-274023-D-1 and a duplicate Certificate of Service #E-675433 in lieu of his other documents which were mutilated. Permanent Certificate of Identification Z-274023-D-1 was endorsed on March 10, 1945, as second cook and baker.

Kaufman has completed a total of twenty voyages which are set out on the attached sheets.

As far as it can be ascertained, he is not at sea aboard an American merchant vessel at the present time. The shipping articles of the SS Mormacport list the operator as the Moore McCormack Lines, Incorporated, 5 Broadway, New York, New York. [redacted] Kaufman lists as his next of kin [redacted] who resides at 935 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, New York City. Kaufman's [redacted]

Kaufman was born on April 18, 1925, at New Orleans, Louisiana, he is colored, 5' 7", 130 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, he has a small scar on his forehead. In 1942 Kaufman resided at 1660 North Tonti Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1945, 1070 Boston Street, Bronx, New York City.

A search of the name indexes of the Identification Division resulted in locating a non-criminal record on the subject under FBI #613 301 A. A copy of the transcript of this record is enclosed.

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SEA SERVICE RECORD
for
ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN

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NAME OF VESSEL	RATING OF SEAMAN	DATE AND PLACE OF ENGAGEMENT	DATE AND PLACE OF DISCHARGE	NATURE OF VOYAGE
SS Winfield Scott	Utility	June 24, 1942 Galveston, Texas	September 10, 1942 New York, New York	Nearby Foreign
SS George B. Selden	Messman	September 27, 1943 Boston, Massachusetts	January 7, 1944 New York, New York	Foreign
SS James B. Eads	Utility	February 10, 1944 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	May 13, 1944 Calcutta, India	Foreign
SS Harold L. Winslow	Messman	June 22, 1944 Calcutta, India	August 28, 1944 New York, New York	Foreign
SS Henry M. Sibley	Messman	November 11, 1944 Baltimore, Maryland	January 25, 1945 New York, New York	Foreign
SS Hendrik W. VanLoon	Utility	March 23, 1945 New York, New York	June 13, 1945 New York, New York	Foreign
SS George Davis	Store-keeper	August 11, 1945 New York, New York	October 22, 1945 New York, New York	Foreign
SS [illegible].N.Y. Victory	Chief Pantryman	November 14, 1945 New York, New York	December 10, 1945 Boston, Massachusetts	Foreign
SS Hood Victory	Chief Pantryman	June 24, 1946 New York, New York	July 24, 1946 Boston, Massachusetts	Foreign
SS Hood Victory	Chief Pantryman	August 1, 1946 New York, New York	August 20, 1946 San Francisco, California	Foreign

SEA SERVICE RECORD
for
ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN

NAME OF VESSEL	RATING OF SEAMAN	DATE AND PLACE OF ENGAGEMENT	DATE AND PLACE OF DISCHARGE	NATURE OF VOYAGE
SS Roanoke	Messman	October 30, 1946 San Francisco, California	November 11, 1946 Los Angeles, California	Coastwise
SS Santa Isabel	Messman	January 7, 1947 New York, New York	February 24, 1947 New York, New York	Foreign
SS Santa Isabel	Messman	February 26, 1947 New York, New York	April 7, 1947 New York, New York	Foreign
SS Santa Isabel	Officers Messman	May 22, 1947 New York, New York	June 30, 1947 New York, New York	Foreign
SS Santa Isabel	Officers Messman	July 1, 1947 New York, New York	August 11, 1947 New York, New York	Foreign
SS River Raisin	Utility	October 11, 1947 New York, New York		Failed to Join
SS Cristobal-Lounge	Steward	October 15, 1947 New York, New York	October 29, 1947 New York, New York	Foreign
SS Mormacowl	Messman	November 5, 1947 New York, New York	January 8, 1948 Baltimore, Maryland	Foreign
SS Mormacport	General Utility	March 13, 1948 Baltimore, Maryland	March 22, 1948 New York, New York	Coastwise
SS Mormacport	General Utility	March 23, 1948 New York, New York	June 7, 1948 New York, New York	Foreign

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERN...

TO : Director, FBI
Att: Identification Division

DATE: December 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ROBERT GORNEY KAUFMAN, was.
Robert Gorneal Kaufman
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file - 100-366937)

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated December 27, 1950, at New York, five copies of which are enclosed.

It is requested that the records of the Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D. C. be rechecked for any further information concerning the subject indicating that he has shipped out subsequent to June 7, 1948.

The subject has Z# 274023-D-1.

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ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, was.
Robert Gorneal Kaufman

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SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Present whereabouts of subject unknown. Mother, Mrs. LILLIAN KAUFMAN, 1660 North Conti St., New Orleans, La., does not know whereabouts. Date of birth 4/18/25, at New Orleans, La. b2 b6 b7C b7D

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DETAILS: At New York City

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The title of this case is marked changed to show the name, ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN, as reflected on subject's birth certificate.

In July, 1950, Mrs. LILLIAN KAUFMAN, 1660 North Conti Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, mother of the subject, advised that she had not seen her son in about three years, and that he had not been in New Orleans during this period. She advised that he had not written to her or any of his relatives in New Orleans. She said that the only information that she had had from him was a telephone call from New York City last Mother's Day. She stated that she talked to him only a few minutes and gathered from the conversation that he was still employed as a seaman, but stated she had no definite information as to his present address.

On August 31, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the subject was believed to reside at 53 East 11th Street, New York City.

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On December 5, 1950, [redacted] advised that

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[redacted] he never heard of the subject and is positive that he does not reside at this address at the present time.

In January, 1950, the files of the Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, United States Coast Guard were checked and no additional information regarding the subject was obtained since he signed off the SS MORMACPORT on June 7, 1948.

In July, 1950, [redacted] New Orleans Health Department, Birth Records Division, advised that ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN, according to the records of that department, was born April 18, 1925, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

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On August 31, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject has National Maritime Union Book #46070, and that the subject has not registered for a ship out of New York with the NMU. He said that the subject is in bad standing with the union because he has not paid his dues, and that he will not be shipped out of New York until his record is clear.

Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that the subject is not on a list issued by the NMU which contains the names of those individuals considered by the union to be "security risks".

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NEW YORK

At New York City

Will report the results of a recheck of the records of the Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D. C. This check is being requested of the Bureau by separate communication.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, was.	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant advises subject is a "drifter" in NYC without regular employment or home address. Sea service record, identification record, and description set out.

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DETAILS: Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability [redacted] advised on April 4, 1951 that KAUFMAN is a "drifter" in New York City at the present time. The informant stated that the subject occasionally works for a day or so but that he does not have regular employment. He stated subject does not have a regular home address and that he usually wanders around the Greenwich Village section of Manhattan.

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The following information is contained in subject's record at the Records and Welfare Section, Merchant Vessel Personnel Division, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C.:

ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN was issued a Permanent Certificate of Identification #Z-274023 and a Certificate of Service #E-34819 as a messman on June 18, 1942 at New Orleans, Louisiana. On March 10, 1945 at New York City he was issued duplicate Permanent Certificate of Identification #Z-274023-D-1 and a duplicate Certificate

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of Service #E-675433 in lieu of his other documents which were mutilated. Permanent Certificate of Identification #Z-274023-D-1 was endorsed on March 10, 1945 as second cook and baker.

KAUFMAN has completed a total of 20 sea voyages, the last of which was on board the SS MORMACPORT, from which he was discharged June 7, 1949 at New York, New York. On this last voyage, KAUFMAN listed his next of kin [redacted] 935 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The following is the subject's identification record under FBI #613301A:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received
USCG New Orleans La	Robert Goinell Kaufman #08127040	Coast Guard Ident. Card 6-19-42
DCGO 3rd ND NY NY	ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN #031-1606916 WS	Coast Guard Ident. Card 9-22-44

The following description of the subject was obtained from his identification record:

Name:	ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, FBI #613301A
Birth Date:	April 18, 1925
Birthplace:	New Orleans, Louisiana
Sex:	Male
Race:	Negro
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	134 lbs.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Build:	Medium
Scars and Marks:	Scar on forehead and upper lip; scar over right eye

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FD-128
(3-4-52)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-366937)

DATE: 3/30/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-94996)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, was
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Los Angeles Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Los Angeles Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Room 9, 1810 N. Serano Ave.,
Los Angeles, California

Business Address: Beverly Hilton Hotel
9876 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles, California

Check the following applicable statements:

X This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
___ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The [redacted] Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
___ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
___ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
___ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
___ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
___ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
___ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

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One Report of SA [redacted] 1/16/50, NY.
One Report of SA [redacted] 12/27/50, NY.
FBI Identification Record.
Bulet to NYO, 1/31/51.
One Report of SA [redacted] 4/24/51, NY
Baltimore letter to NYO, 11/4/55.

2 cc: Los Angeles Division (Enc.)6(RM) Current investigative report follows.

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-53744) May 31, 1956

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ROBERT CORNEL KAUFMAN
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Re New York FD-128 3/30/56 and urlet

Re FD-128 noted current report to follow. Urlet states case being closed. Bufiles do not disclose receipt of report from New York. Los Angeles await New York report and again submit recommendation re continuation of investigation.

2cc - New York (100-94996)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-366937)

DATE: May 15, 1956

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-53744)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, was
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OO: Los Angeles

RE FD-128 from New York 3/30/56.

No information has been received to indicate that KAUFMAN has engaged in any activities of a subversive nature since coming to Los Angeles.

His Los Angeles residence and employment have been verified, and there would appear to be no reason for further investigation in this case. Accordingly, this case is being considered closed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-366937) DATE: 5/31/56

FROM : SAC, NEW [redacted] (100-94996)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, was
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Re Los Angeles airtel to NY dated 3/21/56, and NY letter to Bureau dated 3/30/56.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he knew ROBERT KAUFMAN and identified a photograph of the subject as having been a member of the Executive Committee of the Waterfront Section, CP, NYC, about 1947. [redacted] furnished above information 4/25/56.

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It is anticipated that an investigative report will be submitted in this case within the next 15 days.

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN
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Reference is made to reports previously furnished you captioned [redacted] Special Inquiry, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, (Voice of America)." These reports were furnished you since [redacted]

Attached for your additional information in this matter is one copy each of the following reports concerning the above-captioned subject [redacted]

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 16, 1950, at New York.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 27, 1950, at New York.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 24, 1951, at New York.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 21, 1956, at New York.

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1cc - Los Angeles (100-53744) (For Information)
cc - Bufile [redacted]
YELLOW: Subject not on SI. Now living Los Angeles and employed as steward at Beverly Hilton Hotel. Expelled from CP January, 1951, for degeneracy (narcotics).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	LOS ANGELES	6/21/56	4/27;5/3,23-25;6/5,7,8, 15/56

TITLE OF CASE CHANGED

ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN, was: Robert Gornel Kaufman, Robert Cornel Kaufman, Robert Gernal Kaufman, Robert Goinell Kaufman, Robert Gurnell Kaufman

Report made by [redacted] | Typed By: bek

CHARACTER OF CASE

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject employed as of 3/21/56 as steward by Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles; resided at that time at 1810 North Serano Ave., Los Angeles. BOB KAUFMAN, former seaman, not positively identified as subject, alleged to have been expelled from CP in 1951. This BOB KAUFMAN also alleged to have attended CP training school during 1950. Subject reportedly attended National Maritime School of CP in Upstate NY in 1946. Subject attended regular meetings of Seamen's Branch CP, San Francisco, California, from about June or July, 1946, to September, 1946. [redacted] advised on 11/8 and 9/54 that ROBERT KAUFMAN of the "waterfront" was expelled from CP for degeneracy in January, 1951. [redacted] believed subject was attached to Executive Committee, Waterfront Section, CP, NYC, about 1946 or 1947.

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Approved [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the alias ROBERT GURNELL KAUFMAN as furnished by [redacted] to reflect the alias ROBERT GOINELL KAUFMAN as carried in subject's identification record, FBI #613301A; to reflect the alias ROBERT GERNAL KAUFMAN as furnished by [redacted] and to reflect subject's true name as ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN, as set forth under Birth Data herein.

BACKGROUND

Birth Data and Citizenship Status

Records of the New Orleans Health Department, Birth Records Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, reflected about July, 1950, that ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN was born April 18, 1925, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Identification Record

The following is the subject's identification record under FBI #613301A as maintained by the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C.:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received
USCG New Orleans La	Robert Goinell Kaufman #08127040	Coast Guard Ident. Card 6-19-42
DCGO 3rd ND NY NY	Robert Gornel Kaufman #031-1606916 WS	Coast Guard Ident. 9-22-44

Arrest Record

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on

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May 9, 1943, that subject had been arrested by the military police at Golden Gate Ballroom, 142nd Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City, on the same date. [redacted] advised that subject at that time was in the Merchant Marine serving on the United States Army Transport "Henry C. Gibson" which was docked at Pier 16, Staten Island, New York. Subject was apprehended wearing the uniform of a United States Army officer. Subject explained to the military police that he had bought the uniform on Staten Island and did not know that it was wrong to wear it. Subject was subsequently released by the military police.

On May 12, 1955, SA [redacted] caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; [redacted] Bureau of Information; [redacted] Old Records Room, (all of New York City Police Department); and by [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, New York City. No record was located for ROBERT KAUFMAN.

Marital Status

Records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, Washington, D.C., reflected about April, 1949, that subject on his last voyage aboard the "SS Normacport" from March 23, 1948, to June 7, 1948, [redacted] residing at 935 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Bronx, New York, as examined by SE [redacted] March 9, 1955, reflected that [redacted] 935 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, registered a preference for the American Labor Party (ALP) in 1946, 1948 and 1949.

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[redacted] advised in March, 1955, that subject had been divorced [redacted] in New York City, in approximately 1946 or 1947.

Records of the County Clerk, New York County, Foley Square, New York City, were examined by SA [redacted] on May 3, 1956, for a divorce record pertaining to the subject during the period 1945 to 1951. No record of a divorce proceeding involving subject was located in New York County for this period.

Employment

Through a pretext interview with the subject by a Special Agent of the FBI on March 21, 1956, it was ascertained that KAUFMAN was employed as of March 21, 1956, as a steward by the Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [redacted] that ROBERT GURNELL KAUFMAN, National Maritime Union Membership book #46070, had been removed from the rolls of the National Maritime Union, New York City, in December, 1947.

By letter received by the San Francisco Office, FBI, on January 12, 1956, [redacted] Mart Club, 1355 Market Street, San Francisco, California, information was furnished to the effect that ROBERT G. KAUFMAN had been employed by this organization from January 24, 1955, to January 29, 1955.

[redacted] Asilomar YWCA Camp at 800 Asilomar Boulevard, Pacific Grove, California, advised on January 19, 1956, that ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN had been employed as a bus boy for a three day period in March, 1955.

Residence

Through the pretext interview of the subject on March 21, 1956, mentioned above, it was ascertained that subject resided at that time in Room 9, 1810 North Serano Avenue, Los Angeles.

Previous Residences

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and [redacted] who was familiar to some extent with Communist activities in the Boston and New York areas, advised [redacted] that BOB KAUFMAN resided in 1951 at 242 West 10th Street, New York City. It will be noted later in this report that [redacted] when recontacted [redacted] could not positively identify a photograph of the subject as being the BOB KAUFMAN she and [redacted] knew.

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[redacted] Village Realty Service, 39½ Washington Square South, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on June 5, 1956, that the Village Realty Service presently operates premises 242 West 10th Street, New York City. He stated he could furnish no identifiable information concerning the ROBERT KAUFMAN who allegedly resided at 242 West 10th Street, New York City, in 1951. [redacted] Walter and Samuels, Inc., 18 East 46th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on June 5, 1956, that Walter and Samuels, Inc., operated premises 242 West 10th Street, New York City, from March, 1953, to March, 1954. [redacted] likewise, could furnish no information identifying the ROBERT KAUFMAN who resided there in 1951.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on June 5, 1956, that he managed the premises at 242 West 10th Street, New York City, in 1953 and 1954 for Walter and Samuels, Inc. [redacted] regretted that he had no knowledge to furnish concerning ROBERT KAUFMAN.

[redacted] for the past 10 years, advised SA [redacted] on June 5, 1956, that she did not recognize the photograph of subject as anyone she knew. [redacted] indicated, however, that she was not acquainted with all the tenants in the premises nor had she been in the past. [redacted] indicated that the present superintendent at 242 West 10th Street had been there for a short period of time and would have no knowledge of ROBERT KAUFMAN.

[redacted] advised in March, 1955, that [redacted] ROBERT GERNAL KAUFMAN, was at that time residing [redacted]

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however, when contacted by SA on May 20, 1955, advised that subject had never resided with her or with her family at this address. also indicated that of the subject, was stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, and serving in the United States Army.

advised that subject claimed residence at 525 Baker Street, San Francisco, California, in January, 1955.

advised that subject claimed residence at 765 Wave Street, Monterey, California, as of March, 1955.

AFFILIATION WITH COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Membership

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that had informed him that BOB KAUFMAN, former seaman, age 28 as of 1952, who was formerly employed by the Harlem Trade Union Council, had been expelled from the CP sometime in 1951. stated that KAUFMAN had attended CP leadership training school during 1950 and at that time appeared to be a wavering type of individual in Communism.

advised that he first met BOB KAUFMAN in 1947 at a convention of the National Maritime Union in New York City, at which time BOB KAUFMAN was a CP member.

advised on , after viewing a photograph of ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN that he resembled the BOB KAUFMAN she and knew in that their eyes were similar, stated, however, that the mouth of ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN did not resemble that of the BOB KAUFMAN they knew. stated that she could not positively identify the subject's photograph.

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[redacted] furnished the following information concerning subject to SAS [redacted] in a signed statement dated April 4, 1955, at New York, New York:

[redacted]

[redacted] on April 4, 1955, identified a photograph of the subject as the individual to whom he referred to in his signed statement.

[redacted] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on November 8 and 9, 1954, that information in the possession of [redacted] as of November, 1954, concerned ROBERT KAUFMAN of the "waterfront." KAUFMAN was described as "30 years old, Negro, smooth talker." The information was to the effect that ROBERT KAUFMAN had been working with the Harlem Region of the CP during 1949 and 1950 mainly in election campaigns. He undertook

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certain responsibilities from the Harlem Region CP working with professional groups and in tenants' work, but proved unstable. The information reflected that about September 1950 it was determined that KAUFMAN was going around with certain youth in Harlem and participating in the drug traffic. When called in by the Harlem CP about this, KAUFMAN admitted this was so and also that he "took the needle" himself. KAUFMAN was told by the Harlem CP that he could no longer be considered a Communist. The information further indicated that KAUFMAN continued to parade as a CP member and attempted to corrupt the morals of Labor Youth League youths. The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. KAUFMAN was expelled from the CP for degeneracy in January 1951.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on April 28, 1955, that he had known ROBERT KAUFMAN previously. [redacted] identified a photograph of the subject as being a member of the Executive Committee of the Waterfront Section of the CP about 1947.

[redacted] did not recall that subject had any specific function on this Committee. He stated, however, that subject sold CP literature including the "Daily Worker" and had acted as chairman at several CP meetings.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on June 11, 1956, that he believed subject had been attached to the Executive Committee, Waterfront Section, CP, New York City, about 1946 or 1947.

[redacted] was further of the opinion that subject's connection with the Executive Committee, Waterfront Section, CP, was due to his CP youth activities. [redacted] advised that he could furnish no further details concerning the above information.

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[redacted] advised that during World War II KAUFMAN shipped out intermittently always taking the 70 day shore lay-over between each trip, during which time he would work for the CP. [redacted] advised that subject was still active in the CP after the war and was a close associate of [redacted]

[redacted] was one of the CP leaders convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

On August 22, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] was then the CP Waterfront Section Organizer in New York City.

CP Sympathies

[redacted] advised [redacted] that subject in 1946 openly expressed sympathy for the CP and appeared to be proud of the fact that he had associated himself with a CP organization. [redacted] could not recall the name of the organization. [redacted] stated that subject appeared to be well posted in Marxism and always welcomed an opportunity to make a speech on the subject and to express his sympathy for the CP.

CP Fronts

Harlem Trade Union Council (HTUC)

It will be noted above that [redacted] advised [redacted] that BOB KAUFMAN (not positively identified as the subject) had been formerly employed by the HTUC. [redacted] supplied no dates for this employment.

The HTUC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised [redacted] that information concerning one BOB KAUFMAN was in the possession of [redacted] This information reflected the name BOB KAUFMAN (not further identified) under the heading "Dope."

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The pretext interview with subject on March 21, 1956, was conducted by SA [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office. The nature of the pretext used is unknown.

[redacted] ROBERT GORNEL KAUFMAN, is the subject of [redacted]

Five copies of instant report are designated for the Bureau inasmuch as it is felt the Bureau will desire to disseminate a copy of this report to G-2, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 2/21/55 in the case on [redacted] attached a copy of a Civil Service Commission report. This latter report on page 6 reflected that [redacted] ROBERT KAUFMAN, [redacted] who was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, stationed at a camp in Virginia. Washington Field airtel to NY, New Orleans, and San Francisco, dated 3/23/55, in the case on [redacted]

No dissemination of instant report is being made locally in NY inasmuch as neither subject [redacted]

FD 128 was submitted to the Bureau and the LA Office on 3/30/56 in view of subject's reported residence in LA, California.

REFERENCE:

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cc - Mr. Anderson

SAC, Los Angeles (100-53744) July 13, 1956

Director, FBI (100-366937)

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ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN
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Reurlet July 2, 1956.

Submit your recommendation concerning an interview of Kaufman.

YELLOW:

Subject not on SI. Case recently transferred from New York to Los Angeles. Los Angeles in incoming recommends closing case but does not comment regarding interview. Subject CP member in New York City in 1946 until about 1/51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-366937) DATE: 7/2/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53744)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN, Was.
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00: Los Angeles

Re New York FD-128 dated 3/30/56, Bureau letter dated 5/31/56, and report of SA [redacted] at New York dated 6/21/56.

No information has been received to indicate that KAUFMAN has engaged in any activities of a subversive nature since coming to Los Angeles, nor does he meet the present criteria for inclusion in the Security Index.

His Los Angeles residence and employment have been verified and further investigation would not appear to be warranted. Accordingly, this case is being considered closed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-366937) DATE: 8/23/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53744)

SUBJECT: ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN, was
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OO: Los Angeles.

Rebulet 7/13/56.

Inquiry at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, by SA [redacted] on August 10, 1956, revealed that KAUFMAN discontinued his employment there in early May, 1956, and left no forwarding address. He stated at the time of his departure that he planned to go to San Francisco to seek work.

[redacted] KAUFMAN's when he resided at 1810 North Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on August 10, 1956 that KAUFMAN left that place in May, 1956, saying he was going "back home." She stated that at some time prior to that he had told her where "back home" was, but that at the present time all she recalls is that he claimed his home was somewhere in the East. She stated that she knew of no one in the Los Angeles area with whom KAUFMAN was friendly, or who might have knowledge as to his whereabouts. She also advised that he left no forwarding address when leaving, and had received no mail.

Records of the Traffic Division, Los Angeles Police Department, reveal that KAUFMAN was cited in October, 1955 for traffic violations, but no information as to his possible present whereabouts was contained in the records. These records were searched on August 15, 1956 by SE [redacted]

No record could be found of a forwarding address left by KAUFMAN with the Post Office in Los Angeles.

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SUBV. INFORMANT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 8/23/56

RE: ROBERT GORNEAL KAUFMAN
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It is to be noted that extensive investigation has been necessary in the past to locate KAUFMAN. His mother has furnished information in the past indicating that he does not maintain contact with his relatives. He has been described by an acquaintance as a "drifter," which description is borne out by investigation conducted in the past to locate him.

It is also to be noted that no information concerning his activity in the Communist Party has been reported since the late 1940's except that one BOB KAUFMAN, a former seaman, had been expelled from the Communist Party sometime in 1951. It is also to be noted that much of the information reported on BOB KAUFMAN cannot be positively identified as referring to the subject.

While it is felt that investigation will, in time, elicit information eventually leading to his whereabouts, it does not appear that he would be in a position to furnish information of current interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or that, because of his record as a "drifter" and his apparent expulsion from the Communist Party [redacted] In addition he does not meet the revised criteria for inclusion in the Security Index. It would therefore appear that extensive investigation to locate him for interview would be unwarranted at this time.

Accordingly, interview with him is not being recommended at this time, and this case is being closed.

SAC, San Francisco

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Director, FBI

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[redacted] If so employed, obtain background data and submit pertinent information to the Bureau in memorandum suitable for dissemination. This memorandum should include a characterization of [redacted] Robert Gorneal Kaufman.

[redacted] Robert Gorneal Kaufman.

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In addition to above, San Francisco's memorandum should include information concerning Robert Kaufman, which was developed in the 1970 investigation [redacted]

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NOTE: [redacted] Robert Gorneal Kaufman, is a former CP member who was expelled by the CP for degeneracy in 1951. He is currently residing in the San Francisco area and is subject of Bufile 100-~~36937~~ 366937 which was closed in 1956.

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